

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Although, as noted above, the facility to program short dialling codes has been widely available, it has not been widely used. The present invention significantly increases the ease of use of the short code facility by allowing the allocation of short codes to be pre-programmed by another party, such as the network operator or a service provider connected to the network. This is done moreover without requiring any modification to the standard call control processes. Common call control processes, using the full numbering range of the network, can therefore be used both by subscribers using this service feature, and by other subscribers.--

Please delete paragraph 1 on page 8 in its entirety and substitute in its place
--What is Claimed is:--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of operating a telecommunications network including:
 - (a) in response to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal, pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal,